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Applicants: **Masad J. Damha et al.**

Application No.: **09/719,870**

Examiner: **Janet L. Epps**

Filed: **April 12, 2001**

Group Art Unit: **1635**

For: **ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIE CONSTRUCTS BASED ON
β-ARABINOFURANOSE AND ITS ANAOGUES**

RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 2, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect, albeit with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-6 and 18-20, drawn to an oligonucleotide or a composition comprising said oligonucleotide consisting essentially of arabinose sugars.

Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment, or application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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In view of the above, early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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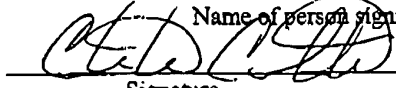
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RE: Application/Control No. 09/719,870

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